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REMARKS

With entry of the present amendment claims 9 to 11 are pending. Claims 1 to 8 have been cancelled.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 9 to 11 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 9 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the claims from which they originally depended. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Claims 2 to 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and claims 1 to 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Cancellation of claims 1 to 8 herein renders these rejections moot.

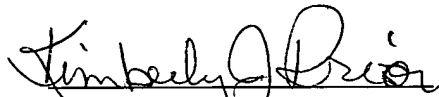
No additional fees are believed due. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficit, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

The foregoing amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action issued October 21, 2004. Applicants submit that Claims 9 to 11 are allowable. Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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If the Examiner believes there are other issues that can be resolved by telephone interview, or that there are any informalities remaining in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kimberly J. Rior".

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